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Filed : December 20, 2001 Examiner: Nguyen, Cam N.
For : CATALYST CARRIER AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowabilities dated December 17, 2004 (and apparently erroneously May 24, 2004), the following comments are directed toward the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance:

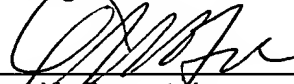
Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons for allowance of the present application are not restricted to the reasons cited by the Examiner. The prior art of record in the present application does not collectively disclose the combination of inventive features recited in each of the claims of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit, for the sole purpose of completing the record, that the reasons for allowance of the present application are not limited to the Examiner's Statement.

Moreover, in the Examiner's discussion of claims 19-28 the reference to claim 1 should apparently be claim 19.

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Should there be any questions regarding this paper, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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